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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Dean, et al

Application No.: 09/856,927

Filed: September 19, 2001

For: AN ATP-BINDING CASSETTE
PROTEIN RESPONSIBLE FOR
CYTOTOXIN RESISTANCE

Examiner: Sheela Jitendra Huff

Art Unit: 1642

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

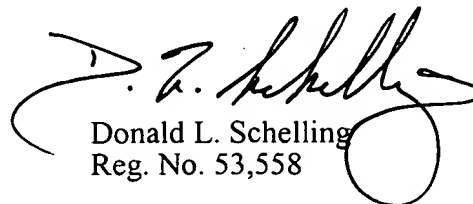
In response to the Office Action mailed May 14, 2003, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I drawn to an isolated ATP-binding cassette protein.

A petition to extend time for one month from June 14, 2003 to July 14, 2003 is also submitted herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any fee due from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

Respectfully submitted,

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